

Security and Privacy Protection

Enhanced Driver License and Identification Card (EDL/ID) Facts

- The EDL/ID is **voluntary**.
- The cost is \$15 more than a driver license or ID.
- You must apply in-person for the EDL/ID, have your photo taken, be interviewed, provide your social security number, and provide documentation to prove your U.S. citizenship, identity, and Washington State residency.
- You can call (866) 520-4365 and make an appointment to apply for your EDL/ID at 11 of our Licensing Service Office locations throughout the state. Go online to www.dol.wa.gov for the office locations.
- The EDL/ID card includes a passive vicinity radio frequency identification tag (RFID) and a Machine Readable Zone, just like a passport, that can be scanned at the border. This RFID is required by the federal government to facilitate rapid identification checks at the border.
- **The RFID tag does not contain any personal identifying information, just a unique reference number.**
- The unique reference number will be matched to Department of Licensing (DOL) records to verify the information contained on the front of the EDL/ID card.
- The network address of the query will be recognized as a legitimate requestor and the Washington State Department of Information Services (DIS) will reject all other requests.
- EDL/ID applicants will be informed of the RFID and its purpose, content, and security.



Security Facts

- The EDL/ID's RFID number is transmitted to the Customs and Border Protection network across a dedicated and secure circuit.
- DOL will provide a security sleeve to protect the RFID tag from being activated when you are not at a border crossing station.
- Enhancements included in the EDL/ID design are industry best practices for security:
- Secure and isolated-dedicated (optic fiber) network connectivity.
- Encryption of personal identifying information between Washington State and the Border Officer during transmission.
- Closed and secure network design, including firewalls.
- Limited and controlled access to the network, network equipment, and data centers.
- Tampering with, or deactivating the RFID tag will invalidate the EDL/ID for purposes of border crossing.

The Department of Licensing has a policy of providing equal access to its services. If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 902-3900 or TTY (360) 664-0116.

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